

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. PETER'S PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2009.

Present: Fr. Jim O'Hanlon. Sr. Ignatius. Pat Lee. Tony Garrett. Colette Burns. Maria Greensmith.

Opening Prayer: Sr. Ignatius led the opening prayer and read the Gospel.

Input: Fr. Jim spoke on the wider social community. Parishes need to continually show how the church remains very much at the heart of the wider community. Involvement with the local county council, neighbourhood groups, primary and secondary schools and other associations are of great importance, for it is here that the church needs to be vocal and visible, supporting initiatives that attend to social and environmental concerns and building up the demographic area. As a Christian people we need to find ways of engaging with the world, not standing apart from it!

Apologies: There were no apologies.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes were passed as a true record and signed by Pat Lee.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

AGENDA:

Correspondence:

Fr. Jim had received a letter from a parishioner regarding the possible publication of the minutes of the PPC in précis form in the Parish magazine, as there is difficulty in reading the minutes on the notice boards at the three churches, especially St. John's. It was decided that the minutes have to be published in full. It was pointed out that the minutes are also available on the parish web site as well as the church notice boards.

Parish Survey:

Colette reported that she had made the necessary alterations to the original draft survey. A discussion took place regarding the alterations and it was decided to change/add one or two of the items. Colette to email the changes to Fr. Jim and Pat for agreement.

Discussion took place regarding the mechanisms of the survey. The survey to be announced on the 19th April in all three churches (a member of the PPC would say a few words on this during Mass), issued on the 26th April with a deadline of two weeks for completion, i.e the 10th May 2009. After completion the results would be publicised to the community via the notice boards, the website and key points in the weekly bulletin.

Deanery Celebration:

Fr. Jim informed the committee that he had attended the latest meeting in Loughborough regarding this event. Fr. Jim had issued each committee member with a copy of the minutes of this meeting together with a summary of the notes from the Deanery Celebration Day group meeting.

Discussion took place regarding what groups, schools etc. would take part in this event. The Celebration is to take place on the 5th July 2009 at the De Lisle College, Loughborough. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th March at 7.30p.m at St. Mary's, Loughborough.

It was decided that letters would be sent to the leaders of all the parish groups regarding the celebration. It is to be hoped that the members involved in the groups of the parish would attend the celebration. A brief note has been put in the bulletin this week regarding the celebrations.

Heating at St. John's and St. Peter's:

Complaints have been received regarding the temperatures at both churches. Fr. Jim is awaiting various quotations regarding replacing certain radiators. The thermostat at St. John's had been turned down – this has now been rectified. The matter is on-going.

Painting at St. John's:

A group of parishioners are to be asked their opinion on the colour of the walls etc. After consultation with Fr. Jim, this data to be put before the Diocese for approval.

Fr. Jim informed the committee that the Historical Churches Committee is looking into the matter of the bell at St. John's.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, April 2nd 2009 at 7.30p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Any Other Business:

Pat informed the committee that the next meeting of the SVP will be on Thursday 12th March. To date there are nine members in the Society.

Colette asked whether the committee members would be willing to give a personal statement for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. Pat thought perhaps a short article on the PPC was required first.

A short discussion took place regarding the various parish groups having a member of the group on the PPC. It was pointed out that people today seem to have too many commitments to join various committees but new members are needed to serve on the PPC.

The concluding prayer was led by Fr. Jim.

The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.